

House Study Bill 500 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
BILL BY CHAIRPERSON MEYER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Medicaid extended postpartum coverage
2 option, and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 249A.3, subsection 1, paragraph h, Code
2 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 h. Is a woman who, while pregnant, meets eligibility
4 requirements for assistance under the federal Social Security
5 Act, section 1902(1), and continues to meet the requirements
6 except for income. The woman is eligible to receive assistance
7 until ~~sixty days~~ twelve months after the date pregnancy ends.

8 Sec. 2. MEDICAID — PREGNANT WOMEN — CONTINUOUS POSTPARTUM
9 COVERAGE — STATE PLAN AMENDMENT. The department of health and
10 human services shall submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to
11 the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
12 States department of health and human services (CMS) for
13 approval of the option to provide twelve months of continuous
14 postpartum coverage under the Medicaid program to pregnant
15 women enrolled in the Medicaid program in accordance with
16 sections 9812 and 9822 of the federal American Rescue Plan
17 Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, as amended by section 5113
18 of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. The
19 department shall notify the Code editor upon receipt of federal
20 approval of the Medicaid state plan amendment.

21 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION. The section of this Act amending
22 section 249A.3, subsection 1, paragraph "h", shall be
23 implemented upon receipt by the department of health and human
24 services of federal approval of the state plan amendment
25 submitted by the department as specified in this Act.

26 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. The following, being deemed of
27 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment:

28 The section of this Act directing the department of health
29 and human services to submit a state plan amendment to CMS as
30 specified in this Act.

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EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill provides for the extension of postpartum coverage
35 from 60 days to 12 months for pregnant women enrolled in the

1 Medicaid program.

2 Code section 249A.3(1)(h) provides Medicaid eligibility for
3 a woman who while pregnant meets federally required eligibility
4 requirements and continues to meet those requirements, except
5 for income, to receive assistance until 60 days after pregnancy
6 ends. Provisions of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of
7 2021 (H.R. 1319) provide the option to states to submit a
8 state plan amendment, effective for a five-year period, to
9 provide postpartum Medicaid coverage for 12 months after the
10 end of a pregnancy. A provision under the federal Consolidated
11 Appropriations Act of 2023 removed the five-year limitation
12 period for the state plan amendment. The bill amends Code
13 section 249A.3(1)(h) to extend postpartum coverage from 60 days
14 to 12 months after pregnancy ends.

15 The bill requires the department of health and human
16 services (HHS) to submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to
17 the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
18 States department of health and human services for approval
19 in accordance with the provisions in federal law to provide
20 continuous eligibility to a pregnant women until 12 months
21 after pregnancy ends under the Medicaid program.

22 The section of the bill directing HHS to submit a state
23 plan amendment to the federal government for approval takes
24 effect upon enactment. The section of the bill amending
25 Code provisions relating to postpartum Medicaid eligibility
26 for pregnant women takes effect July 1, 2024, and shall be
27 implemented upon receipt of federal approval by HHS.